

### **Drawings**

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that the application has been filed with informal drawings which are acceptable for examination purposes only. In response, Applicant will file formal drawings upon allowance of the pending application.

### **Claim Rejections—35 U.S.C. §103**

Claims 1-7 and 15-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kelly, S.B. (Kelly), Mastering WordPerfect, pp. 284-288 (Sybex, 1987). Independent claims 1 (as amended) and 15 require a recovery file comprising information useful for replacing the original files in the event of a catastrophic failure. This information includes a list defining the temporary name and the final name for each replacement file. Kelly fails to teach or suggest such a recovery file and further fails to teach or suggest a list defining a temporary name and a final name for replacement files. Kelly teaches an automatic backup method for replacing original files with temporary files in the event of a power or machine failure (Fig. 12.15, page 286). During normal operation, a computer program saves original files at periodic intervals with temporary file names. Following the occurrence of a failure, the program offers a user the option of renaming or deleting a saved temporary file (page 284, lines 8-21). Thus, the invention as embodied in claims 1 and 15 discloses a recovery file including information defining a temporary and a final name for replacement files while Kelly teaches a program for allowing a user to rename or delete temporary files. Thus, while Kelly teaches saving original files with temporary file names, it does not teach or suggest the use a recovery file for saving backup file information (such as a final name) for replacement files. Nor would the Kelly program function as designed (i.e., to provide a user option for renaming or deleting temporary files) if a recovery file were used because the user would be prevented from having the option of deleting the temporary file provided in Kelly. Therefore, in view of the foregoing,

Kelly fails to anticipate claims 1 and 15. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 15 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-7 and 16-20 depend from independent claims 1 and 15 respectively and thus are allowable for the reasons stated above with respect to claims 1 and 15 as well as the additional limitations set forth therein. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-7 and 16-20 are also in condition for allowance.

### Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is now believed to be in a condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call directly Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

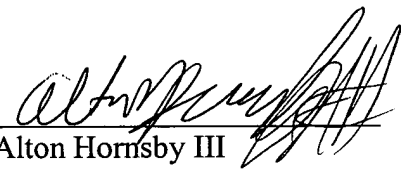
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. If any additional fees are required for the timely consideration of this application, please charge Deposit Account Number 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims

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Claims 1 and 5 have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A computer-implemented method for completing a file save operation by replacing original files with replacement files, comprising the steps:

initiating the file save operation in response to creating the replacement files;

assigning a temporary name to each replacement file;

saving the replacement files, each having a corresponding temporary name, from a volatile memory onto a permanent storage medium;

creating a recovery file comprising information useful for replacing the original files with the replacement files in the event of a catastrophic failure that interrupts the file save operation, wherein the information of the recovery file comprises a list defining the temporary name and the final name for each replacement file; and

replacing the temporary name of each replacement file with a corresponding final name to complete the file save operation.

5. (Amended) The method of claim 1, [wherein the information of the recovery file comprises a list defining the temporary name and the final name for each replacement file, and] wherein the method further comprises the steps:

determining whether a catastrophic failure of the file save operation has occurred;

if a catastrophic failure is detected, then

determining if a present file name of one of the replacement files is identical to the corresponding final name listed in the recovery file;

if the present file name is not identical to the final name, then replacing the present filename of the replacement file with the final name listed in the recovery file.